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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants respectfully elect, without traversal of the restriction, Species II, Figure 5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully elect Claims 1-3, 6, and 7, for further examination on the merits in the present application.

The November 17, 2009, Office Action describes Species II as having the special technical feature of a lifting unit for lifting up or down the dike, and identifies Figure 5 as the corresponding figure. The Office Action describes Species III as having the special technical feature of a lifting unit for lifting up or down the dike and the mounting table, and identifies Figure 6 as the corresponding figure.

However, based on exemplary support for a lifting unit for lifting up or down the dike and the mounting table illustrated at least in Figure 5, and the description thereof in paragraphs [0058]-[0059] of the specification, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 6

reads on the embodiment in Figure 5, and thus should be included in examination of claims directed to the embodiment in Figure 5.

Accordingly, an early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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